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Title: SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING AN APPARATUS WITH SPEECH COMMANDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, said further microphone (107) being comprised by said apparatus (101).
4. (amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, said system comprising input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or said further microphone (170) as a signal source to said speech processor (211).
8. (amended) A remote control (102) for use in a system as claimed in claim 1, comprising a microphone (104) for enabling a user of said remote control to input speech commands for processing

by a speech processor (211), said remote control comprising input designation means for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or a further microphone (107) as a signal source to said speech processor.

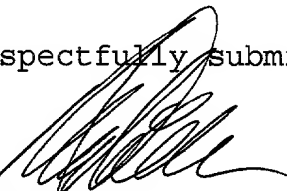
9. (amended) An apparatus (101) for use in a system as claimed in claim 1, comprising a speech processor (211) for processing speech commands, and input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating a microphone (104) comprised by a remote control (102) of said apparatus and/or a further microphone (107) comprised by said apparatus as a signal source to said speech processor.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

### Amended Claims

3. (amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~1 or 2~~, said further microphone (107) being comprised by said apparatus (101).

4. (amended) A system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, said system comprising input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or said further microphone (170) as a signal source to said speech processor (211).

8. (amended) A remote control (102) for use in a system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, comprising a microphone (104) for enabling a user of said remote control to input speech commands for processing by a speech processor (211), said remote control comprising input designation means for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or a further microphone (107) as a signal source to said speech processor.

9. (amended) An apparatus (101) for use in a system as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, comprising a speech processor (211) for processing speech commands, and input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating a microphone (104) comprised by a remote control (102) of said apparatus and/or a

